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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY'S ISTANBUL ELECTION RALLY

1. NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) LEADER AND DEPUTY PRIMIN NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, SPEAKING AT HIS PARTY'S RALLY ON OCT. 10 IN ISTANBUL'S TAKSIM SQUARE, CRITICIZED IN EQUALLY STRONG TERMS "LEFTIST" REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) AND "COLORLESS (RENKSIZ)" JUSTICE PARTY (JP). ERBAKAN TOLD SEVERAL THOUSAND SUPPORTERS THAT CHOICE OPEN TO VOTER ON OCT. 12 ELECTION LAY BETWEEN "SUPERSTITION" (RPP AND JP) AND "TRUTH", THE LATTER REPRESENTED BY THE NSP. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN A THIRTY-YEAR PERIOD NEITHER THE RPP NOR JP HAD RENDERED SERVICES TO THEIR COUNTRY, SINCE IN SAME PERIOD OF TIME BOTH GERMANY AND JAPAN WERE ABLE TO BUILD THEMSELVES INTO GREAT ECONOMIC POWERS, WHILE TURKEY, WHICH WAS NOT IN WAR, STILL FACES POVERTY AND UNDER-DEVELOPMENT. ERBAKAN PROMISED THAT WHEN THE NSP CAME INTO POWER, NOT ONLY WOULD MORALITY AND THE TRUE FAITH BE RESTORED, BUT TURKEY WOULD BECOME A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL POWER. HE NOTED THAT IN OTTOMAN TIMES GREATER TURKEY HAD NOT RELIED ON AMERICAN AID IN ORDER TO CONQUER CONSTANTINOPLE AND MOVE TO THE GATES OF VIENNA. THE EMBARGO, HE SAID, WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN
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TURKEY'S NEED TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT IN PRODUCING ITS OWN

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ARMAMENT.

COMMENT: ERBAKAN IS A PERSUASIVE SPEAKER, MAKING HIS POINT
BY DISCUSSING COMPLEX ISSUES IN SIMPLE TERMS OF RIGHT OR WRONG.
IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE JP AND RPP WERE BOTH LUMPED TOGETHER
SUGGESTING THAT THE FRICTIONS IN THE NATIONALIST FRONT COALITION
SHOW NO SIGNS OF DIMINISHING.
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